

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

Vision

Columbia City-Hillman City-Genessee is envisioned to be:

- *Attractive: A clean, attractive community where both public and private property is well maintained, parks and open spaces are preserved and enhanced, and recreational and cultural opportunities are many.*
- *Healthy: Streets with pedestrian walkways and bike paths that are safe, attractive, maintained, and well lit; a stable, healthy residential neighborhood where people choose to stay and raise families and housing is affordable.*
- *Vibrant: Interesting, attractive, and vibrant commercial areas linked through transit to other neighborhoods and employment centers within Seattle and the greater area; a community in which reinvestment and entrepreneurship are ongoing and apparent.*
- *Diverse: A community that takes pride in the ethnic and economic diversity of the Rainier Valley and promotes a stabilization of the community that retains diverse households.*
- *Connected: A strong connection among neighbors, with increased access to living wage job opportunities for local residents.*

Key Strategies

- Columbia City Community Focus** – Strengthen the Columbia City Core as a historic, mixed-use, pedestrian oriented community by intensifying commercial and residential uses while maintaining the “small town” historic scale, integrating the transportation system, and improving community services.
- Rainier Corridor** – Enhance the Rainier Corridor as a series of commercial districts and neighborhood centers along an efficient transportation corridor.
- Residential Neighborhoods and Housing** – Strengthen the quality of existing residential areas and provide opportunities and incentives for market rate housing.
- Integrate Transportation System** – Make Sound Transit’s rail line a community asset by retaining existing mobility standards along Rainier Avenue and MLK Jr. Way, providing a stronger link between Rainier Vista and Columbia City’s business district, improving bus service and facilities, and enhancing bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Way Corridor** – Improve the appearance of the MLK corridor while retaining its function as an efficient transportation corridor.
- Public Safety and Community Livability** – Stabilize and enhance the Columbia City area as a safe and clean neighborhood in which to live, work, and recreate.



Columbia City Farmer's Market (Photo source: Flickr.com, Tri Monster)

Community Investment

- The Columbia City Link Light Rail Station opened in July, 2009. The station includes artwork, covered bicycle parking, and plazas on both sides of MLK Jr. Way S. In addition to rebuilding MLK Jr. Way S, Sound Transit completed improvements on S Edmunds St including sidewalks, pedestrian lighting, and street trees. Sound Transit projects 2,900 daily boardings by 2020. The anticipated travel times are:
 - To Westlake Station - 18 minutes
 - To International District/Chinatown Station - 12 minutes
 - To Tukwila International Blvd. Station - 16 minutes
- Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is working with communities to design and install new on-street parking regulations around Link light rail stations. These plans are designed to prevent commuters from “hide-and-ride” parking in the neighborhood streets once light rail service begins.
- The Pro Parks Levy funded improvements to Columbia Park, and Rainier Community Center’s playfields, and acquired and developed the new Hitt’s Hill Park.
- The City completed zoning changes resulting from neighborhood plan and station area planning recommendations to promote mixed use development around the station while supporting Columbia City as the primary business district.
- Libraries for All funded the renovation and 5,595 square foot expansion of the Columbia City library.
- Seattle Housing Authority is redeveloping Rainier Vista; with the west portion of the project nearly complete.
- The Rainier Boys and Girls Club constructed a new facility operating with programs for the neighborhood’s young people.
- Working with the community, SDOT completed the Southeast Transportation Study to guide public and private transportation investment in Southeast Seattle through 2030 to provide greater safety, mobility, and access for all modes of travel. Completed improvements include: new sidewalks on 38th Ave S and S Hudson St., speed bumps on 33rd Ave S, countdown signals, LED pedestrian crossing pushbuttons, signal timing adjustments, protected left turns at some intersections, and radar speed signals.

Neighborhood Plans:

WWW.SEATTLE.GOV/NEIGHBORHOODS/NPI/PLANS

Neighborhood Status Reports:

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HOUSING & EMPLOYMENT

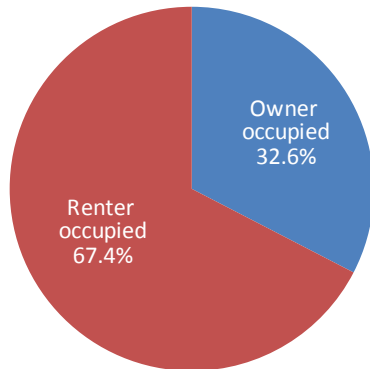
Source: 2000 Census SF-3 Block Group Estimates, except where noted. Information provided for Columbia City-Hillman City-Genessee Residential Urban Village.

Comprehensive Plan 2024 Growth Targets

Columbia City Source: Comprehensive Plan	Land Area in Acres	Households (HH)				Employment (Jobs)			
		Existing (2004)	Existing Density (HH/Ac)	Growth Target	2024 Density (Est. HH/Ac.)	Existing (2002)	Existing Density (Jobs/Ac.)	Growth Target	2024 Density (Est. HH/Ac.)
		313	1,750	6	800	8	N/A	N/A	N/A

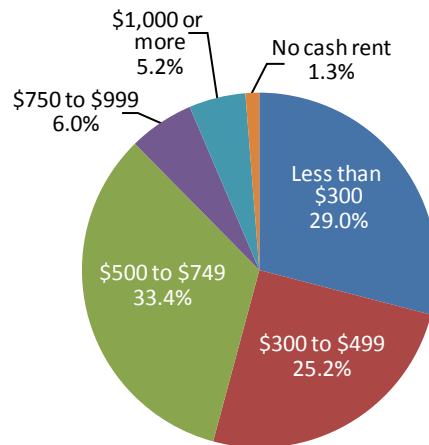
Renter or Owner Occupied

for all occupied housing units



Gross Rent

for specified renter-occupied units

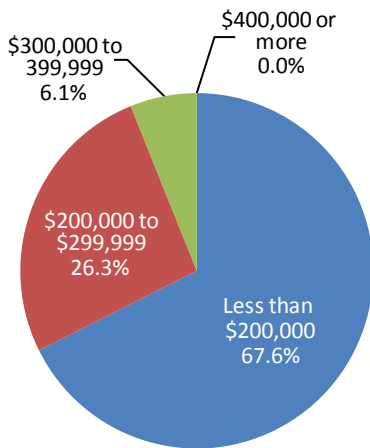


Median gross rent:
(specified units paying cash rent)
- Columbia City: \$450-\$499
- Seattle: \$721

Note: "Gross rent" includes rent and costs for household utilities and fuels. Specified units exclude 1-family houses on ten or more acres

Home Value

for specified owner-occupied units

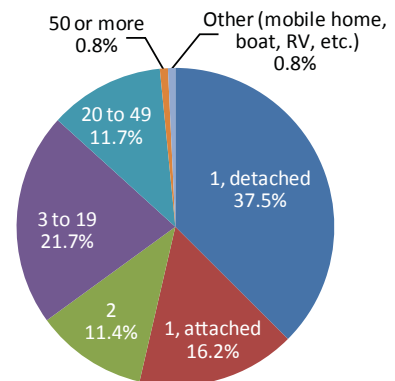


Median home value:
- Columbia City: \$171,353
- Seattle as a whole: \$259,600

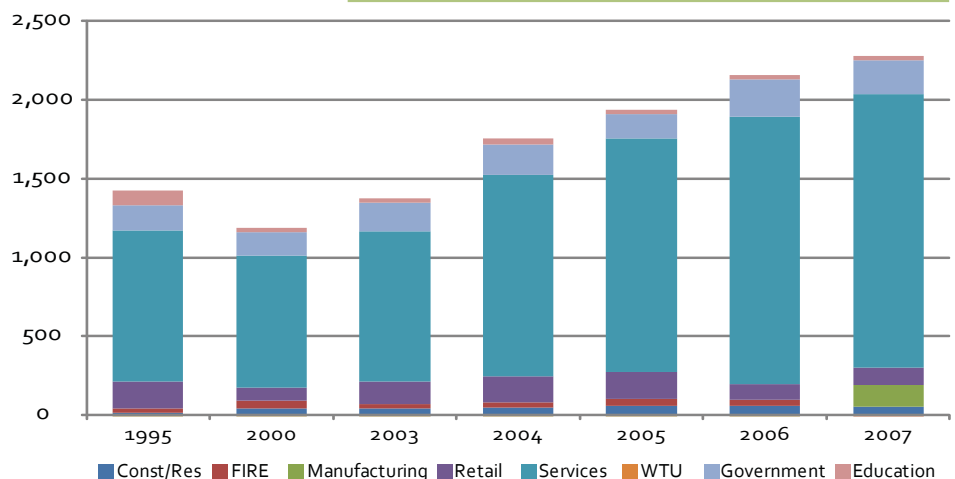
Note: "Specified owner-occupied units" exclude mobile homes, units (such as condominiums) in multi-unit buildings, and houses on ten or more acres.

Number of Units in Structure

for all housing units



1995-2007 Employment by Sector



Development Capacity

calculated as of 2007

Housing	1,743 (units)
Commercial	82,395 (square feet)
Jobs	275

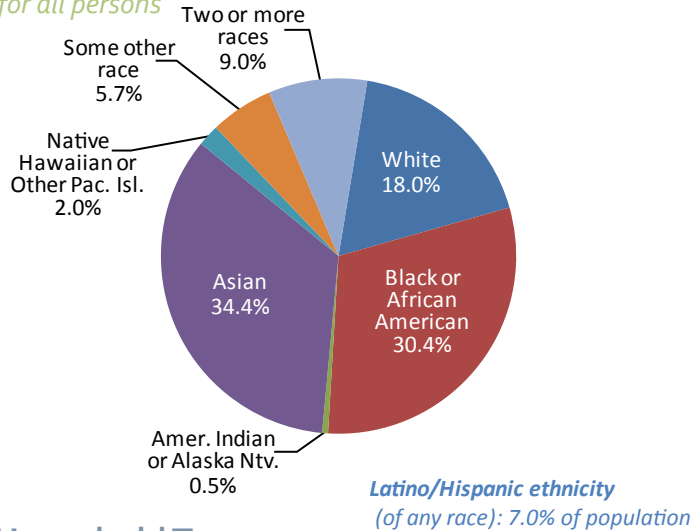
DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY

Source: 2000 Census SF-3 Block Group Estimates, except where noted. Information provided for Columbia City-Hillman City-Genessee Residential Urban Village.

Population	2000	2007*
*estimate	4,929	5,826

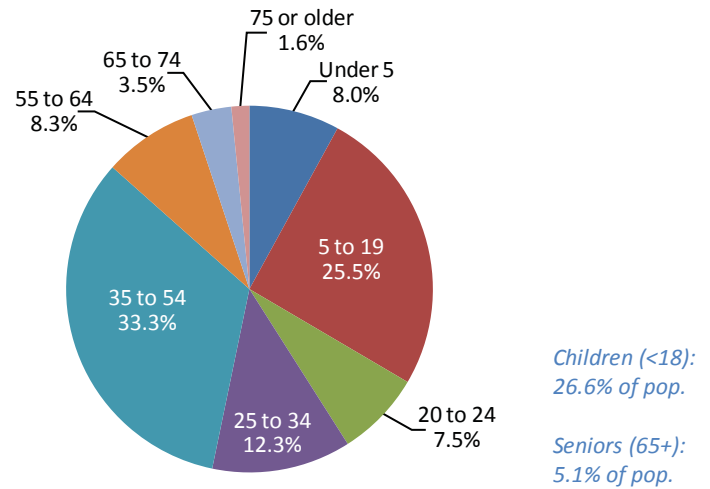
Race

for all persons



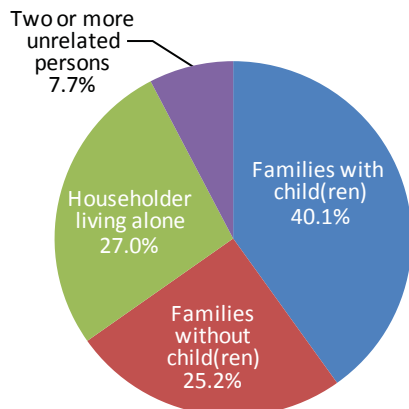
Age

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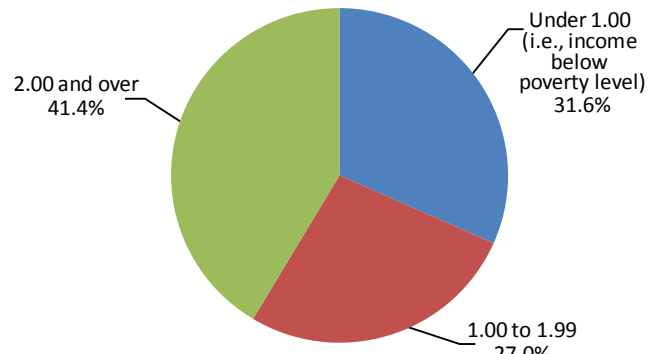
Household Type

for all households



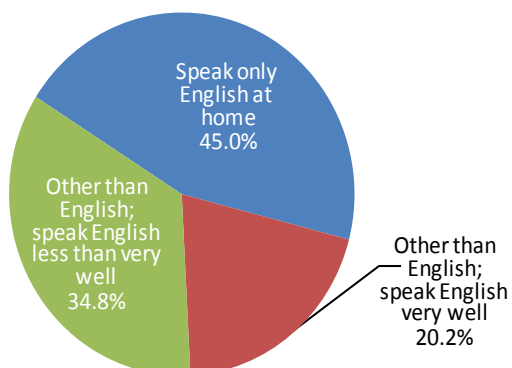
Ratio of Income to Poverty

Persons for whom poverty status is determined



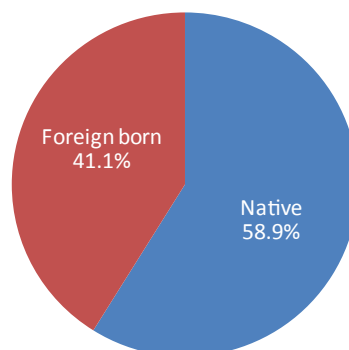
Language Spoken at Home

for persons 5 years and older



Total speaking language other than English at home: 55.0%

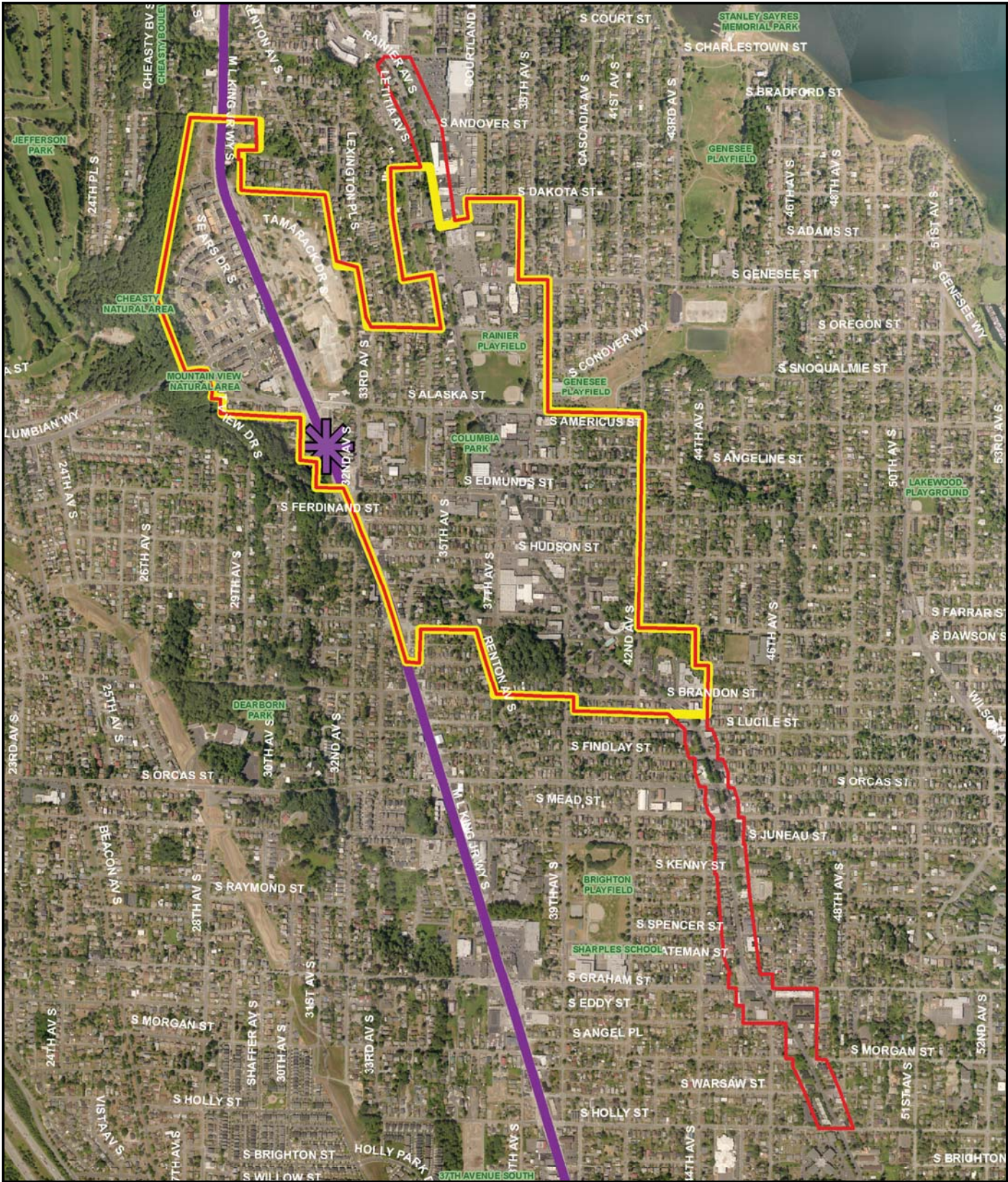
Place of Birth



Entered U.S. within prior 10 years: 63.3% of foreign born; 26.0% of total population

Note: Native includes born in U.S., Puerto Rico and other U.S. island areas, and born abroad to American parents

AERIAL MAP



Columbia City

Urban Village



Neighborhood Plan Area



Aerial Photo: 2007

LINK Light Rail



Stations

At-Grade / Aerial

Tunnel



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